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President Notes Progress In Federal Safety Efforts

Programs initiated by more than 50 departments and agencies in the past year to meet objectives of Mission SAFETY-70 have pleased President Johnson.

"But we must press on to meet our long-range goals," the President said.

He noted that the philosophy, "Accidents should not happen" is being put into effect.

President Johnson said, "Off-the-job safety programs are becoming increasingly important, and I expect administrators to encourage their employees to live safely as well as work safely."

The President referred to a report by Secretary of Labor W. Willard Wirtz showing:

—A 4.3 percent decline in the overall Federal injury frequency rate.

—A reduction of 2 to 26 percent in the injury rate among 14 largest agencies, employing over three-fourths of the two and one-half million Federal workers.

—One thousand fewer disabling injuries to Federal employees during the first year of the program.

Although pleased with the results President Johnson said, "Agency heads must now translate their declarations of intent—and their written programs—into tangible results."

President Urges Full, Economic Use of Computers by Government

President Johnson has told Federal agency heads to explore and apply all possible means for using electronic computers, while managing computer activity at lowest possible cost.

"I want my administration to give priority emphasis to both these objectives—nothing less will suffice," the Chief Executive said.

He called for thorough study to new ways in which electronic computers might be used to provide better public service, improve agency performance, and reduce costs.

The President mentioned various achievements made possible through computer use, including sending men and satellites into space and managing multi-billion dollar defense logistics system.

OLD FRIENDS—Lt. Col. William C. Pierson, USAF, presents an Air Medal to his long-time friend, Cdr. Floyd H. Blizard, USN, upon completion of Cdr. Blizard's tour in Vietnam. The two pilots were born within two months of each other at Sternberg Army Hospital in Manila, and attended the Naval Academy together from 1944 to 1948.

Former CG Says 1st Air Cav. Has Proved Itself in RVN

Operational effectiveness of Army's 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile) in combat has proved at least as good or better than envisioned during the development stage, according to Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, former division CG.

He became the Army's deputy assistant chief of staff for force development Aug. 1.

Just returned from ten months in RVN, Gen. Kinnard said the 1st has proved itself in the Vietnam war. "The record speaks for itself," he said.

The general emphasized the close relationship between Army and Air Force units. "Not only do we have a fine Army," he said, "but a fine Air Force team."

He specifically noted cooperation of forward controllers, and their coordination of airborne and ground operations.

Noting that 1st Cav units have not crossed the Cambodian border, Gen. Kinnard explained that on several operations the enemy was chased to the border and continued to flee west.

Washington Memos

FORMER 1st CAVALRY (Airmobile) Div. CG, Maj. Gen. Harry W. O. Kinnard, USA, says enemy in Vietnam has changed tactics. Enemy is now more intent on hiding than on previous tactics of wanting to fight.

FIRM DOD POLICY is to meet maximum enlisted manpower requirements through voluntary enlistments. Reliance on draft is only for residual numbers required from month to month. Using volunteers to greatest extent possible in peacetime is in accord with American tradition. Volunteers, moreover, serve one or two years longer than draftees and are more likely to seek military career.

ACCIDENTS STILL COST government about $200 million each year, plus untold human suffering. Noting that major cause of death in the Federal service is motor vehicle accidents, President Johnson said, "We must look more carefully at both the drivers and the vehicles they operate.

"OUR DRIVERS MUST be carefully selected, thoroughly tested, and properly trained," the President noted. Government vehicles travel nearly 2-3/4 billion miles annually.

TWO DEEP-DIVING research and work submarines will be built for U.S. Navy's Atlantic Undersea Test and Evaluation Center and for Office of Naval Research. Identical two-man craft will have depth capability of 6,500 feet and underwater endurance of eight hours. Twenty-five foot vessels will be equipped with two mechanical arms, enabling craft to perform underwater work, as well as lights, closed circuit tv system, cameras, obstacle avoidance sonar, fathometer, and redundant underwater communication system.

MOST SUCCESSFUL RECRUITING year in its 12-year history was completed by Air Force Recruiting Service June 30. Service established seven all-time records while meeting or exceeding requirements in each of nine recruiting categories.

ACCOLADES FOR BEST stateside surplus property disposal operation in entire Air Force were accorded the Redistribution and Marketing Activity at Patrick AFB, Fla. Activity was selected to receive "Redistribution and Marketing Effectiveness Award" for calendar year 65.

FOUR CADETS FROM U.S. Military Academy will participate in two week exchange visit to German Military Academy, Munich, Germany, beginning July 11. Mission of U.S. Military Academy and Heeres Offiziers Schule Exchange Program is to promote good will and further concept of international "brothers-in-arms."

A TRANSPORTER-LOADER able to handle increased weight of conventional bomb loads in Vietnam by B-52 bombers has been developed by Air Force Weapons Laboratory, Kirtland AFB, N. M. New MHU-33 Bomb Trailer is designed to quickly move fully-loaded weapon assemblies from bomb storage area to bombers.

RESEARCH BY U.S. NAVAL Oceanographic Office has developed techniques to predict path of rapidly moving ice floe up to a month in advance that met with a significant degree of success. Navy considers research important due to hazards to trans-Atlantic shipping presented by glacial and sea ice drifting south each spring.

THIRTEEN MEMBERS OF 1st Force Reconnaissance Co., 1st Reconnaissance Bn., 1st Marine Div., became first Marines to execute combat jump in RVN June 14. Purpose of jump, made 35 miles from Chu Lai, was to establish an observation post in heart of enemy territory where entrance by other means would have been impossible.

FIRST AIR FORCE dietitian to be assigned in RVN will depart Randolph AFB, Tex., this month. Capt. Joan B. Kyllo, USAF, now with HQ USAF Recruiting Service, has been selected for assignment to 12th USAF Hospital, Cam Ranh Bay, RVN.

NEW CERAMIC MATERIAL promising excellent thermal protection for outer surfaces of aircraft and space vehicles has been developed at Air Force Materials Laboratory, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio. Project engineers describe the white, translucent material called "Zircolite" as best ceramic of its type ever developed for high temperature applications.

NAVAL SUPPORT ACTIVITY, Danang, RVN, opened new cargo complex which will increase offloading capability of Danang port by more than one-third. Complex, consisting of ramps, piers and storage areas, is first major port improvement for Danang since beginning of Vietnam conflict.

NEW INSTRUCTION PROGRAM in basic and advanced military skills opened July 5 at Air Force Academy. Selected members of junior class will instruct sophomores while gaining valuable leadership experience themselves. Objectives of first phase of new program (six days in length) is to provide training for both classes in an insurgent environment requiring extraordinary security of an Air Force installation.

CAPT. JOSEPH S. BURKLE, MC, USN, has been appointed Director of Armed Forces Radiobiology Research Institute (AFRRI) Bethesda, Md. AFRRI investigates effects of ionizing radiation on biological specimens with particular emphasis on better understanding its effects on man.

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Background for Commanders

SEATO Ministers Survey Conditions in Treaty Area

The Council of the Southeast Asia Treaty Organization, meeting in Canberra, Australia, from June 27 to 29, found "encouraging signs of progress" in the Treaty area—and cause for grave concern. All member governments (Australia, France, New Zealand, Pakistan, the Philippines, Thailand, the United Kingdom, and the United States) were represented, France by an observer.

In the communique adopted on June 29, France abstaining, the Council noted in part "that the situation in the Treaty area is at present the most dangerous in the world and that **efforts to meet the Communist challenge there must not fail.**" The communique discussed Vietnam and also questions concerning other areas of the Treaty region.

Vietnam Test

"The Council recalled that Communist leaders have reiterated their belief that the assault on the Republic of Vietnam is a critical test of the concept of what they call a **'war of national liberation'** but which is in reality a **technique of aggression** to impose Communist domination. The Council reaffirmed its conclusion at Manila in 1964 and at London in 1965 that the defeat of this Communist campaign is essential not only to the security of the Republic of Vietnam but to that of Southeast Asia, and would provide convincing proof that Communist expansion by such tactics will not be permitted.

"The Council reaffirmed its statement in London in 1965 that 'History shows that the tolerance of aggression increases the danger to free societies everywhere.' It reaffirmed its belief that the rule of law should prevail and that international agreements should be honored and steps taken to make them operative. It declared its conviction that **the elimination of aggression is essential to the establishment and maintenance of a reliable peace.**

"The Council affirmed its belief that the Fourteen Point program put forward by the United States constitutes a reasonable basis for a settlement. It particularly condemned the continued insistence by the North Vietnamese that the National Liberation Front, established and controlled by North Vietnam, without regard to the wishes of the South Vietnamese people, be accepted as the 'sole representative' of South Vietnam."

Peace Efforts

The Council "deplored the escalation of the war by North Vietnam" and "took cognizance of the efforts made by the United States, the United Kingdom as co-Chairman of the 1954 Geneva Conference, various other countries, His Holiness Pope Paul VI and the United Nations Secretary-General to initiate negotiations for a peaceful settlement. It reaffirmed its Declaration in 1965 that it is 'self-evident that, if the aggression were ended, the Governments and peoples of both South and North Vietnam could live in peace and devote their energies to economic and social progress.' **All members expressed their common resolve to do everything in their power to promote the peaceful settlement of the conflict.**"

Declaration of Honolulu

"The Council noted with approval the joint commitment of the Governments of Vietnam and the United States, as expressed in the Declaration of Honolulu: to defense against aggression, to the work of social revolution and to the goal of free self-government." It expressed "admiration for the resolve of South Vietnam, even while engaged in fighting, to carry out a program for the improvement of the life of the South Vietnamese people."

Aid for the RVN

"The Council observed with satisfaction the increase in military, economic and humanitarian assistance by member governments during the past year, in fulfilment of or consistent with their obligations under the Southeast Asia Collective Defense Treaty. **Member governments reaffirmed their determination to continue, and consistent with their commitments elsewhere, to increase their assistance to South Vietnam.**

"The Council welcomed the substantial increase in forces provided by the United States; the increase in forces contributed by Australia; New Zealand's contribution of a combat unit; the increased assistance from Thailand, in addition to Thailand's other contributions to the security of the area; and the recent decision of the Philippines to send a construction engineering unit with security support.

"The Council also noted with approval the increase in military, economic and humanitarian contributions to South Vietnam from non-SEATO members. It acknowledged with great appreciation the contribution of considerable combat forces by the Republic of Korea—a nation which itself had been a victim of Communist aggression."

Cost Reduction Week Announced

Secretary of Defense Robert S. McNamara has designated July 11-15 as Cost Reduction Week to honor the thousands of military and civilian Defense personnel whose ideas and efforts produced billions of dollars in savings during FY66.

Army Information Chief Promoted to Maj. Gen.

Army Chief of Information Keith L. Ware was advanced from brigadier general to major general in a Pentagon ceremony July 1.

He received grade insignia from Army Vice Chief of Staff Gen. Creighton W. Abrams Jr., and two-star flag from Army Secretary Stanley R. Resor.

Gen. Ware is Medal of Honor winner. He participated in all battle campaigns of 3d Infantry Division during WWII. He advanced from private to lieutenant colonel in less than four years after entering Army on July 9, 1941.

San Antonio AF Unit Wins Talbott Trophy

Headquarters San Antonio Air Materiel Area (SAAMA) Directorate of Procurement and Production has been selected to receive the Talbott Trophy, highest award for procurement management efficiency in the Air Force.

The coveted trophy bears the inscription "more Air Force per dollar" and is presented annually. Award to the SAAMA directorate covers the 12-month period ending March 31.

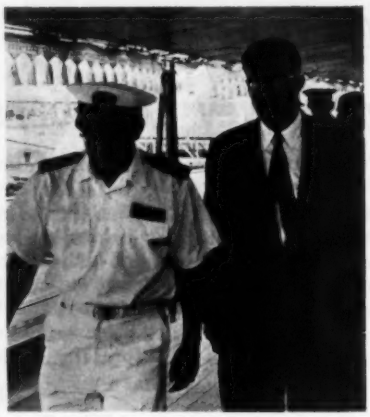
The trophy was established by the Honorable Harold E. Talbott, former secretary of the Air Force, in honor of his brother Brig. Gen. Nelson S. Talbott.

Army Announces Creation Of Top Enlisted Position

Army has announced creation of a new enlisted position, Sergeant Major of the Army.

The new title, unprecedented in Army history, will be given to a soldier selected from nominations by major Army commanders.

The new Sergeant Major, who is to be named July 11, will be assigned to the office of the Army Chief of Staff, serving as his senior enlisted advisor and consultant on problems affecting enlisted personnel.



DOMINICAN CRISIS VETS—Ambassador-designate to Portugal, W. Tapley Bennett Jr., and VAdm. K. S. Masterson, USN, Commander Second Fleet, tour Adm. Masterson's flagship, heavy cruiser USS Newport News. Mr. Bennett was American Ambassador to the Dominican Republic during the crisis in April 1965. Adm. Masterson was commander of U.S. forces operating rescue and mercy missions during the rebellion's early stages. It was their first meeting since then.

U.S. Army Alaska CG Gets DSM on Retirement

Army Chief of Staff General Harold K. Johnson presented the Distinguished Service Medal to Maj. Gen. George A. Carver for exceptionally meritorious service and distinction in positions of great responsibility from August, 1959 to June, 1966.

The citation said: "In culminating his brilliant career as Commanding General, United States Army, Alaska, General Carver guided the constant improvement of an efficient defense team, fully capable of meeting its operational commitments. His wholehearted cooperation with the other Services and his deep concern for the welfare of the individual soldier significantly enhanced the morale of his command in its arctic environment."

Gen. Carver retired June 30 after thirty-three years of service. He became Director, Army Emergency Relief July 6.

Naval Activity Cited For Warehouse Operation

Naval Supply Center, Oakland, Calif., has been cited for "best warehouse operation" in DOD for the third quarter.

Announcement was made in a quarterly report by DOD studying the Warehouse Gross Performance Measurement System.

Tied for second place were Air Materiel Area, Ogden, Utah, and Pueblo Army Depot, Colo.

Marine Corps Supply Center, Albany, Ga., tied Naval Supply Center, San Diego, Calif., for third position.

Minuteman Electronics System Sets Continuous-Run Mark

A Minuteman One missile electronics system has run continuously in an underground launch silo for two and one-half years without maintenance.

The electronics guidance system ran for 20,000 hours at Malmstrom AFB, Mont. It is the first of 10 long-used Minuteman One guidance systems to be returned to the manufacturer for wear analysis and refurbishing.

Personnel Actions

Dr. Samuel J. Rabinowitz has been designated Acting Deputy Director, Advanced Research Projects Agency, DOD, replacing **Dr. Robert A. Frosch**, recently nominated Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Research and Development. **Maj. Gen. Keith B. McCutcheon, USMC**, formerly Commander 1st Marine Aircraft Wing, Vietnam, has been assigned as Deputy Chief of Staff (Air), Hdqtrs USMC. **Maj. Gen. Milton B. Adams, USAF**, Commander, HQ USAF Tactical Air Reconnaissance Center, Shaw AFB, S.C., reassigned as Deputy Inspector General, USAF, effective 15 August.

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